

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled).

Claim 15 (Previously presented): An element for the determination of an analyte in a liquid, the element comprising:

a sample application zone,

a detection zone located downstream from the sample application zone and being the last zone of the element that allows liquid transport, the detection zone being devoid of a binding reagent that would enable detection of the analyte;

a zone containing immobilized analyte or analyte analogue located between the sample application zone and the detection zone,

a material that enables liquid transport between the zones,

a conjugate impregnated in a matrix material located upstream of the zone containing immobilized analyte or analyte analogue, the conjugate can be detached from the matrix material by liquid and comprises a first bioaffine binding partner capable of a specific binding reaction with the analyte to be determined and a first detectable label, wherein the first detectable label is a low molecular organic molecule, and

a universal conjugate, located upstream of the zone containing immobilized analyte or analyte analogue, which can be detached by liquid and comprises a second bioaffine binding partner and a visually detectable label, the second bioaffine binding partner is capable of a specific binding reaction with the first detectable label, wherein the visually detectable label is a direct visually detectable label formed to carry out the determination of the analyte in the detection zone.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): The element as claimed in claim 15, wherein the first detectable label is digoxigenin or digoxin.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): The element as claimed in claim 16, wherein the second bioaffine binding partner is an antibody to digoxigenin or digoxin.

Claim 18 (Previously presented): The element as claimed in claim 16, further comprising an elution agent application zone located upstream of the sample application zone.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): The element as claimed in claim 18, wherein the impregnated conjugate and the universal conjugate are located between the elution agent application zone and the sample application zone.

Claim 20 (Previously presented): The element as claimed in claim 15, wherein the second bioaffine binding partner is an antibody to digoxigenin or digoxin.

Claim 21 (Previously presented): The element as claimed in claim 15, wherein the visually detectable label is metal particles or latex particles.

Claim 22 (Previously presented): The element as claimed in claim 21, wherein the visually detectable label is gold particles.

Claim 23 (Previously presented): The element as claimed in claim 15, wherein the impregnated conjugate and the universal conjugate are located in the sample application zone.

Claim 24 (Previously presented): The element as claimed in claim 15, further comprising an elution agent application zone located upstream of the sample application zone.

Claim 25 (Previously presented): The element as claimed in claim 24, wherein the impregnated conjugate and the universal conjugate are located between the elution agent application zone and the sample application zone.

Claim 26 (Previously presented): The element as claimed in claim 24, wherein the impregnated conjugate and the universal conjugate are located in the sample application zone.

Claims 27-42 (Cancelled).